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SUBJECT: INCIDENTS INVOLVING FALN

1. NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT (NYPD) NOTIFIED USUN THAT AT APPROXIMATELY 10:30 AM, OCT 11, 1977, AN FALN "COMMUNIQUE" WAS ACCIDENTALLY DISCOVERED TAPED INSIDE A PHONE BOOTH IN UPPER MANHATTAN. THE TYPEWRITTEN NOTE, SIGNED BY "FALN CENTRAL COMMAND," CONTAINED NO BOMB THREATS BUT SPOKE OF A "WAR OF NERVES" AGAINST IMPERIALISM. THE NOTE ALSO IDENTIFIED AUSTRALIA AS AN FALN TARGET BECAUSE OF ITS ROLE IN "DEFEATING" CUBAN RESOLUTION IN COMMITTEE ON DECOLONIZATION. (FULL TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE REPRODUCED IN FINAL PARA.) USUN IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED AUSTRALIAN MISSION AND REQUESTED NYPD TO INSTITUTE MEASURES TO PROTECT AUSTRALIAN DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENTS IN NEW YORK CITY. POLICE COVERAGE GIVEN TO AUSTRALIAN US MISSION, CONSULATE GENERAL, QANTAS AIRWAYS. FBI JOINED POLICE IN INVESTIGATION.

2. A FEW HOURS LATER, AT APPROXIMATELY 1:00 PM, A STICK AND A HALF OF DYNAMITE WIRED TO A CLOCK TIMER WAS DISCOVERED IN A PLANTER AT 59TH ST AND MADISON AVE NEAR GENERAL MOTORS BLDG. BOMB WAS DEFUSED BY POLICE, AND NO DAMAGE OCCURRED. AT 3:40 PM, A LOW ORDER EXPLOSIVE DETONATED
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THERE WERE NO INJURIES-AND LITTLE PROPERTY DAMAGE.

3. ACCORDING TO NEW YORK POLICE AND FBI, A MOBIL AND ESSO BUILDING WERE BOMBED MONDAY EVENING, OCT 10, IN PUERTO RICO. IN ADDITION, IT WAS LEARNED THAT SEVERAL SMALL INCENDIARY DEVICES EXPLODED IN THREE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT STORES THAT SAME NIGHT, WITH MINIMAL DAMAGE. STORES DO NOT REPORT THESE TO POLICE FOR FEAR PUBLICITY MAY AFFECT BUSINESS. INVESTIGATION CONTINUES FOR SUSPECTS AND TO DETERMINE WHETHER INCIDENTS ARE RELATED.
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